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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KOJI OKA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LAM, H.
SERIAL NO: 10/658,549 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2612
FOR: DIGITAL CAMERA, METHOD FOR :
SENDING IMAGE DATA AND SYSTEM
FOR TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING
IMAGE DATA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 10, 2007,
Applicants request reconsideration and modification of the seven groupings of species to
include Figures 8-11 and 15 which are not listed in the Election Requirement. This request is
made because Figures 8-11 indicate a system corresponding to a digital camera shown in
Figures 3-6, respectively, and Figure 15 relates to a second flowchart for processing an
operation judgment. The proposed grouping of species is as follows:

- Species I: Figures 3 and 8;
- Species II: Figures 4 and 9;
- Species III: Figures 5 and 10;
- Species IV: Figures 6 and 11;
- Species V: Figure 12
- Species VI: Figure 13;

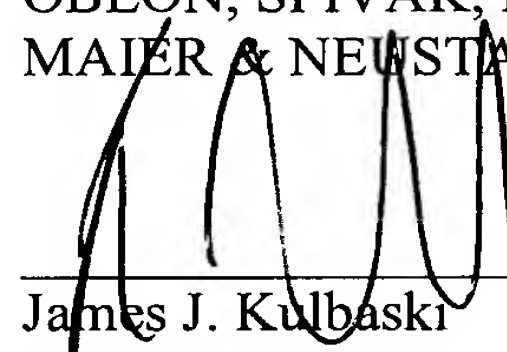
Species VII: Figure 14

Species VIII: Figure 15.

Applicants provisionally elect Species I, including Claims 1, 2 and 6. If the Examiner modifies the election requirement as requested, Applicants elect Species I, with Claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 readable thereon. Accordingly, an Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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